

**Remarks**

Claims 1-29 have been cancelled without prejudice to the underlying subject matter. New claims 30-46 have been added. Therefore, claims 30-46 stand in this application.

Claims 30-46 do not add new matter, and support may be found for these claims throughout the Specification, particularly Pages 6-9. Further, claims 30-46 reflect the subject matter of claims 1-29, and therefore a new search is not required. Consideration of claims 30-46 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 and 16-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 5,946,386 (Rogers). Claims 1-10 and 16-29 have been cancelled. New claims 30-37 reflect the subject matter of claims 4 and 9. Therefore, Applicant will address Rogers in view of claims 30-37, and respectfully requests consideration and allowance of these claims.

Claims 30-37 represents patentable subject matter over Rogers. Claims 30-37 all include the limitation, directly or indirectly, of receiving scheduling information from a caller, and placing a return call to the caller using the scheduling information. Rogers describes a call management system that intercepts incoming calls and control the handling of such calls according to user instructions. Rogers, however, is completely silent with respect to this limitation. Consequently, Rogers does not anticipate the subject matter of claims 30-37. Allowance of claims 30-37 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 11-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rogers in view of United States Patent Number 6,047,053 (Miner). Claims 11-15 have

been cancelled. New claims 38-46 reflect the subject matter of claims 11-15. Therefore, Applicant will address Rogers and Miner in view of claims 38-46, and respectfully requests consideration and allowance of these claims.

Claims 38-46 represent patentable subject matter over Rogers in view of Miner. Claims 38-46 all include the limitation, directly or indirectly, of setting an event reminder for a second person by a first person, and placing a call to the second person to provide the event reminder. As correctly noted in the Office Action, Rogers fails to disclose any information regarding an event reminder. Miner also fails to disclose this limitation as discussed further below. Therefore, even if Rogers and Miner were combined they would still not disclose the claimed subject matter.

Miner describes a computer-based electronic assistant to manage and retrieve incoming calls. The electronic assistant may be configured with a set of rules to manage an incoming call. A subscriber may also configure the electronic assistant to create a reminder. Miner, Col. 40: Lines 31-65. For example, the subscriber may configure the electronic assistant with a date and time to call the subscriber and provide a reminder message. Miner, however, is directed to setting a reminder by the subscriber for the subscriber. By way of contrast, the claimed subject matter is directed to setting a reminder by a first person for a second person, and then placing a call to the second person to provide the reminder. Therefore, Miner fails to disclose the claimed subject matter.

Further, there is no teaching to combine the Rogers system and Miner system in an attempt to arrive at the claimed invention. As stated in the Office Action, Rogers does not describe event reminders at all. Miner discusses reminders exclusively for a

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subscriber and not another party. Neither Rogers nor Miner provides the requisite teaching, and there is no reason to provide the requisite teaching since the limitation discussed above is not present in either document.


For at least the above reasons, Applicant submits that claims 30-46 recite novel features not shown by the cited references. Further, Applicant submits that the above-recited novel features provide new and unexpected results not recognized by the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims are not anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the cited references.

It is believed that claims 30-46 are in allowable form. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 724-933-3387 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

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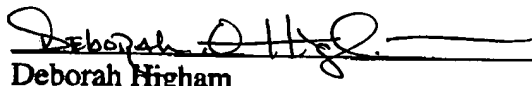
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